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In re Patent Application of:  
Samantha Champ et al.

Application No.: 10/520,545

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Art Unit: 1711

For: Use of Water-Absorbent, Predominantly Open-Celled Crosslinked Acid-Functional Addition Polymer Foams in Hygiene Articles

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

### STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Please advise when an Office Action can be expected in the above-identified application. Kindly note that we have received no response to an application filed January 6, 2005.

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